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To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Joining the "Call for action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience "  
– Approval of entering into negotiations

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1. On 28 July 2020, the Commission transmitted to the Council an Information Note<sup>1</sup> setting out its intention to join the "Call for action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience", as a non-binding instrument containing political commitments<sup>2</sup>, and seeking the approval of the Council to enter into negotiations on this instrument.
2. The Note from the Commission was examined in informal videoconferences by the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Climate Change) on 1 September 2020 and by the members of the Working Party on Environment on 3 September 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. WK 8671/2020 INIT and doc. 10539/20.

<sup>2</sup> Based on the Arrangements for Non-Binding Instruments agreed by the Council, the Commission and the EEAS in December 2017 (Doc. 15367/17).

3. Both the Working Party on the Environment and the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Climate Change) agreed by means of written consultations on 10 September 2020 to submit the request of the Commission to Coreper and to Council for approval.
4. It is understood that the Commission will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek the Council's approval to join the "Call for action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience" on behalf of the EU.
5. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party on the Environment and the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Climate Change) and to suggest that the Council approves the request of the Commission to enter into negotiations on a "Call for action: Raising Ambition for Climate Adaptation and Resilience".

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